

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
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Thomas Piazza, et al.)	Examiner: Good Johnson, Motilewa
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Serial No.: 09/478,999)	Group Art Unit: 2628
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action dated February 6, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following Amendment and Remarks. A request for a one (1) month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments start on page 11 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are

hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.